

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A filtration device for a floodable compartment having a water inlet and a water outlet, comprising:
a removable filter having a rigid housing and for being positioned at or near the water outlet of the compartment;
a strainer having a first end and a second end, wherein the first end is configured to at least partially surround the filter near the water outlet, and wherein the second end is configured to contact the compartment at least partially around the filter at a point in the compartment between the water inlet and the water outlet.
2. (Original) The device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the strainer includes a porous bag.
3. (Original) The device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the strainer includes a contact mechanism at the strainer second end for contacting the compartment.
4. (Original) The device in accordance with claim 3, wherein the contact mechanism includes an expansion ring.
5. (Original) The device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the strainer first end is configured to contact the filter at or near the water outlet.

6. (Original) The device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the strainer includes a holding mechanism coupled at the strainer second end.

7. (Original) The device in accordance with claim 6, wherein the holding mechanism includes a handle.

8. (Original) The device in accordance with claim 6, wherein the holding mechanism includes a strap.

9. (Currently Amended) A water filtration system for a pool or spa, comprising:
a compartment having a water inlet from the pool or spa and a water outlet to a pump;
a removable filter having a rigid housing and disposed at or near the water outlet;
and
a strainer having a first end and a second end, wherein the first end at least partially surrounds the filter at or near the water outlet, and wherein the second end contacts the compartment at least partially around the filter at a point of the compartment between the water inlet and the water outlet.

10. (Original) The system in accordance with claim 9, wherein the strainer includes a porous bag.

11. (Original) The system in accordance with claim 9, wherein the strainer includes a contact mechanism at the strainer second end that contacts the compartment.

12. (Original) The system in accordance with claim 11, wherein the contact mechanism includes an expansion ring.

13. (Original) The system in accordance with claim 9, wherein the strainer first end contact the filter at or near the water outlet.

14. (Original) The system in accordance with claim 9, wherein the strainer includes a holding mechanism coupled at the strainer second end.

15. (Original) The system in accordance with claim 14, wherein the holding mechanism includes a handle.

16. (Original) The device in accordance with claim 14, wherein the holding mechanism includes a strap.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of filtering water flowing through a compartment from a water inlet to a water outlet, comprising:

placing a removable filter at or near the water outlet, wherein the removable filter includes a rigid housing;

at least partially surrounding the filter with a first end of a strainer at or near the water outlet; and

contacting the compartment with a second end of the strainer at a point in the compartment between the water inlet and the water outlet.

18. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 17, further comprising straining the water of particles that are not captured by the filter.

19. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 18, wherein straining the water further includes:

removing the filter from the compartment; and

removing the strainer from the compartment.

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20. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 19, wherein the filter and the strainer are removed from the compartment simultaneously.